

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-113. (Canceled).

114. (Original) A method by which multiple clients browse content on a network such as the Internet, the method comprising:

each of the multiple clients accessing content on the network via one or more proxy servers;

determining the digital fingerprint of an item of content passing through the proxy server;

storing the item of content in a content repository connected to the proxy server at a location associated with the digital fingerprint;

assigning an expiration time to the item of content, before which time deletion is prohibited;

testing for whether a content data item is already stored in the repository by comparing the digital fingerprint of the content data item to the digital fingerprints of content data items already in storage in the repository; and

associating a content data item already stored in the repository with an access authorization credential uniquely associated with an access owner.

115. (Original) The method of claim 114 in which rules governing expiration and deletion are distributed among a plurality of storage sites.

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116. (Original) The method of claim 114 in which the expiration time assigned to the item of content depends upon expiration times assigned by the multiple clients.

117-163. (Canceled).